(b) Housing has all along been treated as a social welfare activity in our planning process. Due to pressing claims of other priority sector amongst the social services sector plan outlay for housing has been adversely affected.

(c) The Stamp duty/Registration charges fall within the jurisdiction of State Govts. Hence a decision will have to be taken by the State Govts. in this regard. However, this Ministry and the Ministry of Finance are pursuing the matter with the State Govts. for reduction of Stamp duty. This Ministry supports reduction of stamp duty because this will further encourage housing activity.

Land Under Possession of ULC Authorities

924. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any land has been taken under possession by the respective Urban Land Ceiling Authorities in the cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Secunderabad on surplus land under the ULC Regulation Act of 1976; and

(b) whether any construction has been made on the said land and dwelling units handed over to the LIG and weaker section?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) The powers to acquire and take physical possession of the surplus land vest with the State Governments. The surplus land aquired under the Act can be allotted by the State Governments as per the procedure prescribed under Section 23 of the Act. A statement showing the extent of land which has been taken over by the State. Governments is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) Such information is not compiled by the Ministry.

Statement

S.No.	Name of State	Extent of vacant land acquired and vested Sec. 10(3)	Extent of vacant physically acquired Sec. 10(5)
			(in Hectares)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6,122.98	2,403.94
2.	Assam	71.63	24.66
3.	Bihar	23.92	19.16
4.	Gujarat	4,357.00	1,802.00
5.	Karnataka	2,903.74	1,603.60
6.	Madhya Pradesh	6,878.27	2,094.70
7.	Maharashtra	4,563.89	1,294.43
8.	Orissa	70.42	49.08
9.	Punjab	128.00	72.69
10.	Rajasthan	3.632.28	788,23.23
11.	Uttar Pradesh	20,619.56	8,815.13
12.	West Bengal	244.31	70.36
13.	Pondicherry	41.67	20.46
14.	Delhi	25.80	1.99
15.	Chandigarh	—	—
16.	Cantonment Areas	362.67	21.86
	Total:	50,046.14	19,096.29